GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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SEMINAR ON LAW OF ARREST
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a two day seminar on Law of Arrest, Police Power and accountability was organized recently in Delhi in October end;

(b) if so, the recommendations/suggestions made therein; and

(c) the extent to which such seminars help to solve the current problems being faced by the Government in this field?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHI)

(a) Yes, Sir

(b)&(c) A statement showing details of recommendations/suggestions is attached.

Statement referred to in the reply to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 578 for 21st November, 2002.

The National Seminar on Law of Arrest - Police Power and Accountability held at New Delhi on October 10-11, 2002 has recommended amendment to the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 with a view to improving administration of criminal justice.Some of the recommendations/suggestions inter-alia are :

(1) Doing away with categorization of `cognizable` and `non-cognizable`, or `bailable` and `non-bailable` offences;

(2) Amendment to the definition of cognizable offences in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973;

(3) Reclassification of petty `cognizable` offences as `non-cognizable offences;

(4) Reducing unnecessary arrests and distinguishing between a rightful arrest and a wrongful arrest;

(5) Need to develop effective redressal mechanism against arbitrary arrests with exemplary punishments in wrongful arrests; and

(6) Making more offences `compoundable`.